

DON'T BE FOOLED

By the flowing advertisements in regard to the "GREAT REDUCTIONS," (cost and less than cost.) These are only BAITS. But go where goods are sold at the right price. BARGAINS EVERY DAY IN THE YEAR. By purchasing goods in large quantities we buy them so cheap that we can sell you

OVERCOATS, SUITS, HATS, CAPS, &c.,

at prices less than others with their cuts and reductions. The proof of this is by the "Rush of Trade" we have when the cry is "Awful Dull." Good goods at the right price tells the tale.

HOLIDAY NOVELTIES.

We never were so well "fixed" to give you a large assortment to select from as now. Constantly receiving the latest things in NECKWEAR, Fancy Imported VELVETS, Plush and Silk SCARVES, largest line of Silk and Linen HANDKERCHIEFS in the city, MUFFLERS, SUSPENDERS, SCARF PINS, CUFF BUTTONS, lined KID GLOVES and MITTENS. These goods were selected with care and will be sold at prices cheaper than you ever saw them. If you want a STYLISH SUIT made go to J. R. Race & Co.'s.

COME, COME TO J. R. RACE & CO.

129 to 135 Water Street.

!! A NEW ENTERPRISE !!

Long experience has established us in Decatur as an EXCLUSIVELY PAINT AND ARTIST'S STORE, Stock being selected and handled by Practical Workmen.

We respectfully announce to the PATRONS and PUBLIC GENERALLY, that we have opened on EAST WILSON STREET, immediately EAST of the NEW MASONIC TEMPLE, an extensive assortment of all kinds of PAINTS, OILS, GLAZES, and other materials for the use of the HOUSE AND CARRIAGE PAINTERS.

Our Paints, Oils, Glazes, and other materials, are of the best quality, and are sold at the lowest prices. We also have a large stock of PAINTS, OILS, GLAZES, and other materials for the use of the HOUSE AND CARRIAGE PAINTERS.

Aug. 5-11

RANDOLPH & GHER,

(Successors to Randolph & Kaufman.)

ALL PARTIES WISHING TO

Buy, Sell or Exchange City or Farm Property

Will do well by calling on the above, for they have a larger list than ever before to select from, and they will be pleased to show parties wishing to buy or exchange; also if you want your property insured. They represent some of the best insurance companies.

Office at the old place, over Newell & Bros. grocery, Water Street, Decatur, Illinois.

April 5, 1884

RANDOLPH & GHER.

GEO. W. DAVIDSON

Blue Ribbon

MACHINE.

NEW HOME,

DAVIS,

AND OTHER SEWING MACHINES.

First Door East Christian Church

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South side of the Old Square, Decatur, Ill.

WE HAVE SOLD

—ALL—

Our Lots on Durfee St.

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Good for Sixty Days Only.

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Dec. 1, 1883—died

THE SIREN OF NORLAKE ABBEY.

(From Krikorian in The Saturday Magazine.)
"A ghost, child! what nonsense art thou talking? It were better for thee to gossip less with old Dame Magare, for her foolish babble has well nigh turned thy head."

The speaker was a regal, beautiful woman, folds of crimson velvet, encased with pearls, fell round her royally braided hair, and on the bare white throat that carried her graceful head so proudly shone diamonds, but not enough for a queen's dowry—just such a counterfeit as would mark a fair field-daisy by the side of an imperial Dijon rose was the girl who stood before her; her blue eyes filled with tears, and her soft, childish mouth quivering.
"Nay, dear lady," she cried, "it is no foolish babble, for in passing down the north wing but yesterday, methought I heard a low talking. And I know the passage below was haunted, I should have gone mad from very terror."

"A low talking, silly woman—all are dead in this abbey, and a human voice should scarce there—no! some scullion holding tray with one of our brave men-of-war—and then to come troubling me with thy tears. Fie upon thee, Alice, fie!"
"Nay, my sweet lady, there's not a scullion in this house would enter that passage after dark. For they say the wretched nun walks nightly down that way."

"A nun! forsooth," and Lady Ursula laughed merrily. "They have found a ghost in truth when they take a holy woman from her rest."
"The girl crept close to her mistress. 'She was not holy, my lady, but most sinful. Yours agent, when this same castle was an abbey in its youth, discovered a wicked abbess, who loved a youth right well, so well, that she granted him many a secret interview, till, at last, fearing he might bow her favor, she, one night, pushed him down the steps that lead to the dungeon keep, and let him there to die.'"

"This is a dark tale indeed, child, and it is to be hoped my lady abbess will never stray as far as my bowyer chamber, for thy sake, at least."
"For holy Mother's sake, fair mistress, do not so jest; they say that ghosts can hear, and may be avenged, words spoken in their disfavor."
"Leave me, foolish girl, go, mind the lace on my wrist, and do not growl at me on my wedding day, and forget this same foolish ghost-story."
Left alone, my lady seated herself in the deep, bodied cushioned window, and gazed long and sadly on the picture below; the sunbeams were sparkling on the leaves, and the diamonds on the queen's robes, could bring no joy into her deep, dark eyes. So would she sit, day after day, sorrowful and alone.

No trouble had thrown that shadow across her smooth brow; the maiden across her bright, laughing life—it was shame that battled with her pride, and daily murdered happiness. Only three short months a bride, and this was the shame that stole her peace away—she had come to her husband as payment for a debt, and that debt a dark story of dishonor.

The duke of Malvern was a gambler to the backbone, and evil tongues were not wanting that gave a darker name to his excessive love of games of chance. But the scandalous were gained ground, for the fair Ursula Mallet had been the bride that stole the only tongue that could have proclaimed her husband's crime. She knew when young Lord Craven sought her hand, that it was a story interview with the duke, whom he had detected in the very act of trying to toss a cloaked die.

softly tinted face, their glitter contrasting the pale blue velvet of his doublet, with its trimmings of priceless point lace; and the small, white, jeweled hand that rested for a brief moment on his paltry's arched neck looked more fit for touching the spinet than meeting death in the mael of war.

My lady waits for him to seek her lower chamber, and claim a kiss of welcome from those proud red lips, but full two hours pass and he comes not. The courtyard is empty, and she feels chill as the early twilight creeps on. Some one pushes aside the silken hangings of the door, and Ursula turns round, a glad greeting in her heart, but a woman of marble to all outward seeming.

"Thou art long in coming," she says, and then pauses, for it is not her husband, but her little maid, Alice, with her face white as driven snow by the light of the lamp, who carries, and her eyes round with wild terror.

"Oh, come, dear mistress, for our lady's sake; convince thyself that this ill-omened house is haunted. 'They are there now in the passage leading to the dungeon keep. I peeped over and saw their shadows—who with a wimple, and like a proper youth, and—"

"Peace, silly child," said Ursula; "this matter were well looked into, for thy foolish fears will drive thee crazy. Put down the lamp and come with me; I myself will prove those seeming ghosts. Nay! not a word—give me thy hand. If they be indeed spirits, thou shalt have my collar of pearls in memory of thy fear."

The two women walked hand in hand softly, in the darkness, down the passage that led to the dungeon keep, and as they drew near they heard a low talking.

"Did I not tell thee so, my lady?" whispered the maid, struggling to free herself from her mistress's hold. But Ursula, recognizing one soft, loved voice, quickly clasped her strong, white hand across Alice's mouth and drew the frightened child into the shadow; for there in the full moonlight that flooded through the broken window stood her husband, and his companion was a woman clad in a nun's sombre garb.

"Sturdy," Lord Craven was saying, "one who like thyself leads so holy a life, safe in the keeping of Mother Church, can have no cause for sorrow, and yet I marvel much to find thee so far from our good convent of St. Mary."

"Thou knowest little of the human heart, fair sir, when thou sayest I have no cause for sorrow," said the woman, in a strangely sweet voice.

"Thou hast a sweet lady?" he answered. "I am but an honest soldier at the court of our good queen; but methought a nun's heart at least was safe from all save spiritual cares."

"Ah!" she sighed, "twere it were so. A gentle sir, would that a convent wall could shut out all that makes this world a paradise—or a hell. Would that I could kill love as easily as I can doff this lying garb."

She pushed the wimple from her brow, and as the black cloak slipped from her, Ursula saw herself—herself in another body—standing before her husband.

"Oh, Ursula! why didst thou play me this trick?" Lord Craven cried. "Hecate! I love thee!" said the other Ursula; and Lady Craven felt turned to stone at the sound of that voice that mimicked every note of her own.

"Dear, dear heart! at last," he said, "thou hast heard thy precious love. My life is thine!"

A smile of evil triumph spread over her face, as she nestled in his arms, pushing him gently toward the dungeon steps. And suddenly it came like a revelation to the true Ursula, breaking through the mist of her sorrow—that this was the spirit of the wicked abbess; and with one loud cry she rushed forward to tear the guilty thing from her husband's arms; but her fingers were cold and stiff, and she could not clutch only empty air for that.

Lord Craven's heart, sobbing, told him of the peril he had escaped. "And I was so happy, thinking that thou didst in very truth love me, sweet Ursula."

"So I do, Robert," she whispered; "so have I loved thee this many a long day."

With his arms thrown lovingly around his wife, Lord Craven turned to the servants and friends, who now thronged the passage, and with a piercing cry, he told them how, walking the pleasure yonder, a white hand had beckoned to him; and low, and tending the passage, with a ghost who had come to her husband's aid, and who would have surely sealed his doom, but for the good Lady Ursula's bravery.

"Come hither, child," said my lady, turning to the trembling, trembling Ursula; "here is the collar I promised thee, and one more brave even than that I said should be thine."

Ursula unclasped the glittering diamonds from her arm, and laid them on the table, and then she turned to the girl's soft face.

Some of the servants, using their lanterns, found that the steps leading to the dungeon keep had lately rotted away, so had my lord fallen down, he would have perished in a sorry way.

Leaving on the dungeon door was a heavy human bone.

We will give them Christian burial, and my lady; "for they are no doubt the bones of that poor youth the wicked abbess carried off."

And from the hour the poor skeleton was buried, the siren of Norlake Abbey appeared no more.

Nim's Nobility.
(Change into Ocean.)
The nobility of Spain take no trouble to themselves, even in the matter of their own nobility. Their point of view is defined by the badge which is worn on their hats. A high badge of gold or silver indicates high gradation, and the umbrella is the badge of royalty itself.

It is believed that the smallest pony known is the pet of the Baroness Burdett-Coutts-Berlett. The pony stands thirteen inches high, and is 3 years of age.

OLD AND NEW.

The old year has passed;
The new one becomes fast

An old year again.

Commence with the New Year.

Take care you don't steer

Into ways that are queer.

Resolve to do better;

Don't swear at the weather;

Take things as they are,

And mind how you leave the bar.

A Happy New Year to All,

—FROM—

B. Stine, the Boss Clothier

"May you all live long and prosper."

SPRING OF 1884.

FRIENDS CREEK NURSERY!

We offer for the coming Spring an assortment of Apple, Crab, Pear, Plum, Cherry, Peach, Apricot, Mulberry, Persimmon, Pecan, Quince, and other fruit trees, and the hardy English Blackberries.

STRAWBERRIES, the most profitable and best adapted to this climate, some growing berries all twelve in circumference.

ASPARAGUS, RHUBARB, and other garden roots.

EVERGREENS, two and three times transplanted; 3,000 Norway Spruce, 2 to 10 feet; 1,000 Scotch and Austrian Pine, 4 to 10 feet; 1,000 Arbor Vitae, 2 to 7 feet; 1,000 Red Cedar, 2 to 7 feet; 1,000 White Pine, 2 to 7 feet; 1,000 Blue Spruce, 2 to 7 feet; 1,000 Juniper, 2 to 7 feet; 1,000 Yew, 2 to 7 feet; 1,000 Boxwood, 2 to 7 feet; 1,000 Holly, 2 to 7 feet; 1,000 Laurel, 2 to 7 feet; 1,000 Magnolia, 2 to 7 feet; 1,000 Camellia, 2 to 7 feet; 1,000 Azalea, 2 to 7 feet; 1,000 Rhododendron, 2 to 7 feet; 1,000 Lilac, 2 to 7 feet; 1,000 Forsythia, 2 to 7 feet; 1,000 Hydrangea, 2 to 7 feet; 1,000 Viburnum, 2 to 7 feet; 1,000 Spirea, 2 to 7 feet; 1,000 Weigela, 2 to 7 feet; 1,000 Deutzia, 2 to 7 feet; 1,000 Philadelphus, 2 to 7 feet; 1,000 Cornus, 2 to 7 feet; 1,000 Lonicera, 2 to 7 feet; 1,000 Ruscus, 2 to 7 feet; 1,000 Euonymus, 2 to 7 feet; 1,000 Ligustrum, 2 to 7 feet; 1,000 Syringa, 2 to 7 feet; 1,000 Prunella, 2 to 7 feet; 1,000 Salix, 2 to 7 feet; 1,000 Populus, 2 to 7 feet; 1,000 Betula, 2 to 7 feet; 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Oct. 28 -d&wlf

CHAMPION MONITOR. GARLAND.
We Greet our Patrons by Wishing Them All

A Happy New Year!

And in this connection desire to return our thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed upon us during 1883. During the first year in our new location our business has far exceeded our most sanguine expectations, and now with a largely increased stock of Hardware, Mantels, Grates, &c., and the largest and best stock of STOVES in the county, it shall be our aim, through fair dealing and courteous treatment, to merit an increased patronage during 1884.

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40 LADIES' CLOAKS in Dolmans, CIRCULARS, ROMAN CIRCULARS, SURTOUTS, NEWMARKETS, &c. We propose to make prices that will close them all out. Cost or value makes no difference, the garments will be sold.

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MONDAY EVENING, JAN. 7, 1884

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

We have just returned from New York with new prices on Rogers Bros. 1847 Knives. See us.

E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co.

The schools have "took up" again.

BURBANK will lecture Thursday night.

The mail got in from the east Sunday morning.

Paize shooting gallery, opposite post office.

23d St.

Wise men kept up fire in their factories over Sunday.

The infant child of M. Ryan was buried from St. Patrick's church Sunday afternoon.

CALL at Teller & Parke's near the tabernacle for all sorts of horse feed.

Three janitors at the various school houses fired up yesterday morning.

F. D. CALDWELL can furnish you any kind of wood on short notice.

27d St.

The late Catholic fair at Moundville, which was managed by Father Duffy, formerly of Delavan, netted between \$3,500 and \$4,000.

SAM LEE, 130 North Water street—un-bleached iron shirts, 10 cents, collars 3 cents, cuffs 5 cents per pair.

dec 11-dly

O. B. FINECOTT will provide you with leading instruments. Haines Bros. pianos can be had only at Prescott's.

It was only four degrees below zero at 9:30 a. m. on Sunday—a very agreeable change in 24 hours. At the same hour Saturday it was 23 below.

CHURCHES always on hand at Geo. Ehrhart's wood yard.

dec 27-dly

J. B. BULLARD, the undertaker, has the finest carriages and teams to let for weddings, parties, calls and funerals, to be found in the west. Elegant turnouts every one of them. Leave orders at Bullard's, Telephone 125.

dec 29-dly

Don't fail to get a sample of No. 4, to be had only at Peter Ulrich's grocery store.

F. D. CALDWELL has the best grades of hard coal.

dec 7-dly

Reading at the opera house by Alfred P. Burbank, Jan. 10th, the first entertainment of the lecture course. Gallery tickets, 35 cents.

Old soldiers, be sure to go to the opera house Jan. 10th and hear the noted orator, A. P. Burbank, an old soldier and a member of an Illinois regiment.

Hand and Soft Coal at Martin's.

nov 12-dly

At Maroon Thursday night Bro. B. P. Foster, of Indiana, will deliver the address at the public installation of the newly elected officers of Maroon Lodge of Old Fellows, No. 114.

Fresh oysters, golden butter, and a full line of family groceries at No. 143 South Water street.

"The Girl That I Love" Combination is coming to town. Agent Clayton is here arranging with Manager Haines for the appearance of the company.

Go to Dr. Thomas S. Hoskins to get your dental work done. Cor. Main and Water streets, Decatur, Ill.

21st St.

These Universal ladies will give a social and supper at their church on Wednesday evening of this week. Supper will be served from 6 to 9 o'clock. It is expected that all members will be present. The public are invited.

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ORDER your hard coal from F. D. Caldwell, P. O. Block.

dec 7-dly

The eligible bachelors at Macon are: Rome Richmond, John Coombs, Oreight Webb, Carl Hoover, George T. Barrett, Oscar Frazee, John T. Osh, Charley Czanlet, O. D. Barber, Sherman Keller, Wilbur Dunkel, James Sturgis, Nana Hill, R. D. Morris, Bert Colby, Frank Wobb, Will Patterson, Ed. Hopson, Luther Barstow and Will Mays. So says the Independent, and Bro. A. G. Wall ought to know.

At J. W. Tyler's you can get extra fine harness and horse blankets at your own price.

The dandy entries are on sale at D. F. Humber's iron-fence wagon factory on Wood street. All cheap.

CONWOOD, STYREWOOD AND CHURCH will receive prompt attention by ordering of Geo. Ehrhart, or Telephone 182.

Dec 27, dly.

The janitors commenced warming up each of the six city school houses on Sunday, and to-day all were comfortable for the teachers and pupils.

Mr. A. W. OLIVER, at Wichita, Kansas, wanted some elegant freestone and fine painting done, and so he came through Kansas City, St. Louis and Springfield, Ill., to Decatur, to find men competent to do the work. He engaged M. A. Myers & Son, who will certainly please the Wichita people as they have often done our citizens. Saturday two of the Myers sons left for Wichita to commence the work. M. A. will follow soon.

MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S Arctic Overshoes, at BARNES & BARNES.

PASTORIOUS smokers always ask for Schroeder's popular Bohemian cigars. None better for a nickel.

See Niedermyer on the mound for horse feed. He has a full variety.

Now Postal Rule

Formerly photographs, letter-heads, etc., were classed as printed matter and were charged the regular rate for printed matter of one-half cent per ounce. But the postmaster general now interprets the law differently and has decided that such matter should not be classed as printed matter because it is not for general educational and news purposes, but is for personal use and interest, and therefore comes under the head of merchandise and must have the regular merchandise rate of 1 cent per ounce paid on each matter. This is just twice the rate formerly charged, and any one having such matter to mail should be careful to pay the full postage, because if it is not paid the article will not be sent and runs a large chance of being lost entirely.

AYER'S Cherry Pectoral is recommended by physicians of the greatest eminence on both sides of the Atlantic, as the most reliable remedy for colds and the most reliable remedy for pulmonary disorders. It cures, and all pulmonary disorders. It cures, and all pulmonary disorders. It cures, and all pulmonary disorders.

affords prompt relief in every case. No family should ever be without it.

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THE FIRST DEMON.

Three Threatened Congregations on Sunday Quietly Nipped in the Bud.

A CHURCH ON FIRE.

There was great excitement out on West Main street Sunday afternoon for about 30 minutes, all on account of a \$10 or \$20 worth of property, the Methodist mission church. A stove in the lecture room at the rear of the pulpit and audience room was made burning hot, so that the heat might go through the small door and warm up the larger room; but in doing this the stove pipe, which goes through the roof and alongside the lecture room, became red-hot in places, and a fire was the result. The fire-bells sounded the alarm and Young America Hook and Ladder Company being the first on the scene, quickly took in the situation and squelched the flames with three buckets of water without the assistance of members of Kaesone Hose Company who had pulled their hose cart to the building. But for the prompt arrival of the firemen the fire would have got beyond control and the church and adjacent property, owned by James Bristow and Harrison Baker, would have been destroyed. Mr. Baker and Will Harry were leaders in stopping the fire.

AT MERRIWETHER'S.

A short time before the Chapel caught fire a defective flue at the home of Bert Merriweather, at 623 West Main street, set the house on fire, and Bert and the neighbors had a lively time of it for while in squelching the flames which were getting under fair headway. By cutting a hole in the house and soaking the burning spot with water, the threatened danger was averted. Damage, light; none, big.

AT THE FIRST WARD SCHOOL.

The janitors were ordered by Supt. Gustafson to start fires at all the school houses in the city on Sunday in order that the buildings might be warm and comfortable at the opening of the schools this forenoon at 9 o'clock, after the holiday vacation of two weeks. Rattling furnaces are used in all the buildings. At the first ward school Janitor Jameson discovered smoke in the third reader room at 11:30 o'clock, and rushing out he cried "Fire, fire." W. L. Montgomery, living close by, came to his aid, and by using the over ready hose, the two put out the fire, which but for the timely discovery would have badly damaged the property or totally destroyed it. One of the first floor joints close to the furnace had caught fire. Its exposure to the heat was not known until a close examination was made. The mortar had cracked and fallen away from the brick and timber, and a slight scorch was the inevitable result. A dollar will cover the damage.

The Weather.

There has been a quick and welcome change in the state of the temperature in this section. Saturday morning at four o'clock it was 30 below zero; at 9 p. m. that day it was 18 below; Sunday morning at 8:35 was 14 below; at 10 a. m. five below; at noon at zero; at 5 p. m. 5 above; at 6 a. m. to-day it above - and snow falling.

Snow Bound

Miss Florence Long, a friend of Mrs. A. H. Imboden, arrived in the city Saturday evening on route for Chicago, where she is a teacher in the public schools of that great city. On account of the snow blockade on the Chicago division of the Wabash Miss Long found, to her great regret, that she would have to linger in Decatur until the snow was cleared away or buy another ticket by way of Toledo over the Central road. She had been spending her vacation in Scott county, and rather than take the risk of being caught in a snowdrift herself, she concluded to let the Chicago schools go to the snow; and she therefore spent the Sunday with the Mrs. Imboden. Last night she took the midnight train for Chicago, the Wabash having been opened into that city late Saturday evening. Miss Long made close connection with her school this forenoon. She may have been tardy.

"McSorley's Inspiration" at the opera house to-morrow night. Act 1st—"The home of McSorley; the well." Act 2d—"The Breeze; interior of Mrs. McKeon's boarding house; 'The Expansion.' Act 3d—"Paltou Market on Saturday Night; 'Disruption.' The piece will be a stunner and will catch a packed house.

A WALK and shoeless horse belonging to J. R. Curry, living near Warrensburg, slipped and fell on her side, opposite Brewer's bakery, this noon. It gave 15 men and a rail a hard tussle to get her on her feet again, while a big lot of punters stood about and made it tiresome for the owner. The horse had been exposed to the cold. He needs more oats.

JUDON WILKIN arrived in the city this noon, and business in the circuit court was resumed this afternoon. Cases on the civil docket were called.

Tom Got 50.

To be a REPUBLICAN carrier is equal to being the possessor of a "Mascot." Tom McSorley, who delivers the DAILY REPUBLICAN to subscribers in the first ward, bought a few articles at Irwin & Priest's drug store, and one of his tickets No. 20,103, captured the \$50 in gold. Tom is "jerked to death" over his good luck. If you want to capture the leading prizes at donation drawings join the carrier corps of this office.

The G. A. & R. B.

Mr. C. H. Fuller, Secretary of the Decatur executive committee for the G. A. R., has received replies from the officers of the different lodges centering here as to exonerate rates for parties attending the Department Encampment to be held here Jan. 30th and 31st. The P. D. & E. Wabash and Illinois Central companies will sell tickets on those days at one and one-third fare for the round trip. The Midland will sell tickets at one-fare for the round trip.

What everybody says, must be true. Flurry is a perfect nationalist. O. P. H. Corner old square.

Any pair of the following for \$1.00: Boys' \$1.50 boots, boys' \$2.00 boots, boys' \$2.00 shoes, mens' \$1.75 line embroidered slippers, misses' \$2.50, \$2.00 and \$1.50 shoes, women's \$2.00 shoes, ladies' fine \$1.50 slippers, and many other attractive bargains at one dollar a pair, at L. L. Furber & Co's. Call early.

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Mr. James Heaton is in receipt of a letter from Belmont, Ohio, which contains the information that Dr. James B. Millison, for many years a practitioner in Decatur, had died near that place some time in the month of last September. After leaving, Dr. Millison, who was past 70 years of age, located near Belmont, and soon took to himself a wife, who survives him. He was an eccentric man, and had hundreds of acquaintances in this community. He lived in the first ward for awhile, and at one time owned a farm of 150 acres in the country. He was somewhat given to speculation, and had a long fight in court about a match safe, which added the brain of Tom Hathaway, who is now a county charge at the poor farm. Withal the deceased was a good citizen, and those who knew him will regret to learn of his death.

Not Whisky.

John Bowley, who took strychnine with suicidal intent, has told the Maroon News editor that strong drink had nothing to do with the attempt to take his life, that the act was the result of a domestic racket. He further stated that he will not make another attempt to kill himself.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. M. Y. Givler has been seriously ill for several days.

The Misses Maud and Belle Burrows are at Jacksonville visiting friends.

Mark Oliver will depart for Dakota this week.

Albert Barnes drew the \$100 in gold at the Irwin & Priest drawing, and Fannie Grimes got the \$50.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander W. Clarkson, of Maroon, Jan. 4, a daughter. Get citizens at Anderson's.

Harry J. Caldwell arrived in the city Saturday night from Denver, Colo. He comes east on legal and other business.

Mrs. O. E. Curtis has arrived home from Rochester, N. Y., after a pleasant visit with relatives.

Miss Sadie Faith, of Warrensburg, spent the Sabbath in the city with her brother Eli.

Fred. Wilson arrived home Sunday morning from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Rev. M. S. Nowomine is engaged in revival work at various points. He will give the meetings near Warrensburg his aid this week.

Henry P. Day, city editor of the Peoria National Democrat, fell while skating on rollers at the rink and was very seriously injured about the head.

Mr. and Mrs. George Russell, after a long residence at Macon, have gone to Kansas, where they will reside permanently.

Alcock Frick, who left this county to engage in business at Carthage, Mo., has sold out and returned to Macon, where he will reside permanently.

Rev. D. E. May, of Harrisonville, will commence a protracted meeting at Sharon church this evening. It will be kept up until Sunday night, and perhaps longer.

Thos. W. Barry, of Oakley, who came in today and renewed his subscription to the Republican, will leave for Wellington, Kansas, to-morrow, on a visit.

George C. Mlin, the tragedian who is to appear here on the 14th in the "Pool of Revenge," has made quite a hit in all cities in the State he has visited, particularly at Springfield.

Miss Ida Osborne was to have commenced teaching at the Seitz school this morning, but on account of illness was prevented from doing so. She will probably take charge of the school next Monday. It will remain closed till that time.

Col. Phoebe Howard has written to Charles Lax, engaging accommodations for members of Stephenson Post at the St. Nicholas Hotel during the G. A. R. Department Encampment to be held here Jan. 30 and 31. This Post wants the best quarters in the house in which to make its headquarters.

Will, Stevenson, who has been at Gainesville, Florida, for several weeks, will return home as soon as the weather moderates. He went South for the benefit of his health, but we regret to state it is not improved. Will has been failing ever since he went to Minnesota, several years ago, and fell into the water below the Minneapolis Falls.

Comly Lukens was to have started for Florida last Thursday over the Central road, but the train he had arranged to board didn't get here until last night, owing to the snow blockade, of course he had to remain here. Mr. Lukens will leave for the South this evening, as the train are now moving again at pretty near schedule time.

E. J. P. Brackett, of the Lomas Bridge Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, arrived in the city this morning to see how the masonry work on the Cow Ford bridge is progressing. His company has the contract to put up a 150 foot iron bridge, to cost a little over \$2,000, and the agreement is that the job shall be finished by Feb. 12, the weather permitting. Mr. Hunt has everything in readiness to finish the pier, and as soon as the work is done he will finish the bridge within 10 days. Mr. Brackett is at present engaged in building a \$3,000 iron bridge near Kenney.

Missionary Society

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society, of the M. E. church, will give a missionary tea at 4:30, Tuesday evening, Jan. 8th, at the residence of Mr. N. E. Adams, 834 North Water street. Members and all interested in the cause are cordially invited to be present.

A Delightful Affair.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Radford, Saturday evening, a pleasant social gathering was held in honor of their niece, Miss May Weeks. There was a large company of young people present. Refreshments were served and all engaged in popular games. Those in attendance were: Misses Julia Kane, Josie Condon, Katie Powers, Katie Flynn, Mattie Pierce, Nellie Swenson, Jennie Babin, Mollie Babin, Mary Condon, Cora Watson, Miss Daubenspeck, and Messrs. Edward Condon, Billie Jones, John Walcott, Eli Mott, James McEvoy, James Adamson and Mr. Quillen. The young folks retired highly delighted with the evening's amusement that had been afforded them.

I. O. O. F.

Comrades of U. D. C. No. 25, will meet in fatigue uniform at the hall of Celestial Lodge, this evening at 7:30 p. m.

Geo. W. PATTERSON, Com.

Geo. P. BLENN, Sec.

Steam Washer.

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MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Closing Quotations at L. C. Thompson's Commission Room at 2 p. m.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.

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TOLEDO, Jan. 7.

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